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In re the Application of

Hiroyuki HIRAIWA

Group Art Unit: 1731

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Examiner:

M. Colaianni

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For:

SILICA GLASS MEMBER, METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME, AND PROJECTION

ALIGNERS USING THE SAME

LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period having expired March 16, 2003, an extension of time for a period of two months is hereby requested. Attached hereto is our Check No. 142011 in the amount of \$410.00 in payment for:

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Respectfully submitted,

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